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MEETINGS 3-1

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MINUTES OF THE GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AREA STAFF MEETING, 13 OCTOBER 1959
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PRESENT: [REDACTED]

1. New Work

a. D/GC

Work seems to be on a more even keel. Work continues on high-priority DD/P requirements. [REDACTED] commented that 25X1A9a the proposed D/GG project on the Arctic looks good.

b. D/GG

The Black Sea Study has been issued. EE/DDP has cancelled all urban area studies, with the exception of the one on Sofia. Presently working on a GM on Tirol; D/GG plans to put out a questionnaire along with the next GM to see what use is made of them and by whom.

2. Travel Plans

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[REDACTED] D/GL

Will be leaving for Europe early in November.

3. Significant Conversations and Contacts

a. Tour to FBID

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[REDACTED] announced that he has arranged a tour to FBID for himself and his Branch Chiefs for Friday, 16 October.

b. Visit to NSA

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[REDACTED] stated that he plans to visit NSA in the near future.

25X1A9a [REDACTED] indicated interest in joining him.

25X1A9a [REDACTED] will check this out with [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

25X1X7 c. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] is scheduled to meet with [REDACTED] together with the AD/RR and Ch/E.

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25X1A9a Problems

25X1A9a asked 25X1A9a when the "Guide to Collection of Topographic Maps of Czechoslovakia" would be issued, and was told that it is presently being edited and should be issued within a couple of weeks.

5. Personnel Matters

a. Report on Status of ORR Personnel
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25X1A9a read the current figures for on-board personnel in each of the divisions.

b. Competitive Evaluation Panel

25X1A9a In view of the changes and promotions since the last CEP list was drawn up, 25X1A9a asked that 25X1A9a convene the 25X1A9a Competitive Evaluation Panel and update the list.

25X1A9a c. ERA Recruiters

At the request of 25X1A9a briefed the ERA recruiters on the kinds of people needed by GRA. The recruiters were also provided with the names of the Heads of the Geography Departments at the universities involved.

d. Approval of Recruitments and Appointments

25X1A9a read a memorandum from the DDCI to the Deputy Directors which requires that the DD/I and the Director of Personnel sign off on all appointment actions of GS-7 and above.

6. External Research Funds for FY 1962 and 1963

25X1A9a informed the group of what has been proposed to the DD/I by the AD/RR for GRA External Research Projects for FY 1962 and 1963. An authorization of 25X1A1a is being requested, divided as follows:

- 25X1A9a -- Hemisphere Stereographic bases
 - 25X1A9a -- Polar Gnomonic base
 - 25X1A9a -- Azimuthal Equidistant bases
 - 25X1A9a -- PI Keys for Africa and SE Asia
 - 25X1A9a -- Emerging problems of Africa
- 25X1A9a suggested that the divisions begin laying the groundwork for project proposals on these in the near future. It was also indicated that it may be possible to start some projects toward the end of FY 1961, if there should be any unused funds at that time. The study we had suggested on "Sectors of the Economy Vulnerable to Soviet Economic Penetration" is being referred to EIC. The one concerned with "Basic Studies on China" will probably be undertaken as D/GG projects after we have been given specific requirements by ERA.

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7. Private Travel to IGU Meetingsa. Security Approval and Cover

It was decided that 25X1A9a would act as coordinator with Cover Branch in setting up cover for those going to the Stockholm meetings on their own. It was urged that the memos requesting security approval and cover be submitted as soon as possible, as cover will have to be established prior to registration.

b. IGU-sponsored Excursions

The question of financing 25X1X4 IGU-sponsored excursions for personnel travelling to 25X1A9a as private citizens was brought up for discussion. In view of the budget situation, only those trips which can be justified from the point of view of area responsibility will be requested.

8. Exchange Proposalsa. City Planning Exchange

25X1A9a reported that the information transmitted by D/GG on the city planning exchange has been forwarded to 25X1A9a who has expressed satisfaction with our evaluation. 25X1A9a

b. Cartographic Exchange

25X1A9a reported that the draft proposal on exchange of cartographers prepared by 25X1A9a has been typed up and sent out 25X1A9a to the military, who have been invited to attend a meeting to discuss the proposal on Monday, 19 October, at 10:00 in 25X1A9a office 25X1A9a. 25X1A9a were asked to attend the meeting, at which the draft proposal will be reviewed and revised.

9. Trip

25X1A9a asked that the Division Chief's caution their people to be more cautious in talking on the phone about 25X1A9a trip and activities 25X1A9a

10. PNIO 25X1A9a

25X1A9a announced that the proposed revision of the Priority National Intelligence Objectives is being placed before the USIB next week. This revision places geodetic and locational information under "First Priority Objectives", due in large part to 25X1A9a efforts in this matter.

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11. Hull Committee Report

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complemented the group on their contributions to the Hull Committee Report. All items submitted by GRA were included in the DAD's report to the DD/I.

12. Status of ORR Projects

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informed the group that from now on only the maps completed will be included in the Quarterly ORR Status of Projects Report. Maps scheduled for completion in subsequent quarters will not be listed.

13. FE Town Plans

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questioned whether we should be doing something on FE Town Plans. It was decided that he would set up a meeting with 25X1A9a to discuss the matter, and that 25X1A9a would also attend. 25X1A9a

14. E&E Orientation

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stated that he thought it would be beneficial if more of his people could participate in an E&E field orientation. He is going to look into this possibility with St/A and OTR.

15. Relations with ONE

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asked for guidance as to whom he should go in ONE to get a real appreciation of what is wanted in NIE contributions. 25X1A9a suggested that a meeting be arranged with the AD (Sherman Kent). 25X1A9a indicated interest in accompanying 25X1A9a to this meeting to discuss an 25X1A9a ONE coordinator for map requests for the NIE.

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